

Draft Minutes
AQIP Scholarship Committee
01-17-08 Meeting
NSF 2202 4:00-6:00pm

Present: Jill Leonard (chair; Biology), John Ejnik (Chemistry), Molly Freier (AIS), Susie Piziali (Biology), , Adam Prus (Psych), Jim Schiffer (English), Andrew Smentkowski (Office of Research & Development - ORD), Cindy Prosen (ORD; guest), Brian Cherry (Poli Sci), Patty Hogan (HPER), Will Tireman (Physics)

Not present: Peter Pless (A&D)

Left at 5:00 p.m.: Cindy Prosen, Jim Schiffer, Brian Cherry.

- I. Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2007
- II. Selection of Recorder for the meeting
- III. Summary of Jill's presentation to the Department Heads & Deans on Wednesday, January 9, 2008.
 - a. Ira Hutchison suggested that a \$100,000 pot of money be set aside to support faculty overseeing directed studies.
 - b. Jim Schiffer suggested that we triple that amount.
 - c. Cindy Prosen said that Dr. Koch has stated that she will soon be investing in three different campus initiatives, one of which is scholarship. Thus, there is an opportunity to make a request for the Spring Semester.
- IV. Discussion of January 31 All-Campus Meeting
 - a. Molly will inquire into securing one or more the Great Lakes Room in the University Center.
 - b. Dr. Wong has confirmed that he will provide an introduction.
 - c. This will be both an informational meeting as well as a forum for discussion.
 - d. Molly will generate an e-mail for Sally to send out to the faculty unions, SA group, Grad students, Deans, AP group, CT Group, and adjuncts. We discussed sending this out to the undergraduates as well but settled on just the grad students. Molly will follow-up on the President's e-mail with a reminder e-mail to the same groups.
 - e. After Dr. Wong introduces the Committee, Jill will provide a summary and then present main points of each subcommittee. Subcommittee members will be there to answer further questions and capture comments on large sticky pads.
 - f. Molly & Jim will solicit input prior to the meeting and develop a list of questions.
 - g. The title of the presentation will be "Enhancing the Climate for Scholarship at Northern Michigan University."
- V. Discussion of Interim Report
 - a. We need to include the interdisciplinary aspect of scholarship into the graphic model.
 - b. Once we get the next draft completed, Jill will post the report on the AQIP site for public consumption.
 - c. Jim commended Jill's organization of the report and asked that more campus-wide, humanities-based, examples of scholarship be included.

- d. We talked about the report's length and limiting it to 15 pages by moving some of the information into appendices.
 - e. The executive summary should include brief summaries of the subcommittees.
 - f. Jill asked the group to look at the philosophical summary at the end of the report to see if it captures what we think we are doing. Also, please look at the faculty time question
 - g. Comments/feedback are due back to Jill by Monday, January 21.
 - h. The next draft will go back to the group by Friday, January 25.
- VI. We have a breakfast scheduled with Bradley Stith from CUR on Friday, February 1 at 8:00 a.m. The location is TBA.
- a. We had a discussion of whether CUR was inclusive of the humanities or not and whether Bradley's presentation will be inclusive.
- VII. Focus Groups: Currently the Outreach Committee has a list of eight or nine focus groups. The Systems Subcommittee requested that a focus group of past grant managers be included to discuss what works/doesn't work about the post-award grant management.
- VIII. Spring 2008 Semester AQIP Meetings:
- a. We are losing the Biology Museum room for a meeting place this semester. Jill is going to look into other rooms in NSF. Will suggested that we could meet in the Physics Conference room if need be.
 - b. Meetings will be held on Thursday (approximately every other week) either from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
 - c. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 7, at 7:30 a.m. The location is TBA.
- IX. Will is taking Andrew's place on the Students Subcommittee.
- X. When a subcommittee meeting is scheduled, Jill requested that the conveners of the subcommittee e-mail the entire group – not just the subcommittee members.
- XI. A lively discussion took place regarding how we to balance humanities scholarship and scientific scholarship.
- a. In particular, we talked about the faculty grants and how writing to an audience of non-experts is often challenging and may handicap certain projects.
 - b. We discussed whether money is best invested in individual researchers and/or projects or is it best invested broadly as seed money.
- XII. The meeting ended with a discussion regarding how – other than scholarly output – do we measure scholarship on campus.
- a. Adam suggested the realm of student performance and student outcomes as a place to look;
 - b. John suggested that there is a need for a vision statement regarding scholarship focusing primarily on the goal of getting undergraduates involved in scholarship.
 - c. This led to a discussion regarding the transformation in the graduate school admissions process from giving a *preference* to applicants who performed research at the undergraduate level to this being a *requirement*.
- I. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by A. Smentkowski